

Summit Schedule

Friday, November 6

3– 5pm: Arrival and Registration

5pm: Reception, Dinner and Summit Challenge

Saturday, November 7

7am: Breakfast

8:30am—Noon: Summit Town Hall and Breakouts

12 Noon—1:30pm: Lunch and Informal Conversations

1:30pm—4:30pm: Summit Breakouts for Creating the ING North American Framework for Action

6:30pm: Dinner and the Emerging Vision for Change

Sunday, November 8

7am: Breakfast

8:30am—11:30am: Bringing It Together: The ING North American Framework for Action

Noon: Departures

The Summit Venue

Located in scenic Shepherdstown, West Virginia, the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) is just 60 miles outside Washington DC, and is closest to Dulles International Airport. To learn more about NCTC and its amenities, visit <http://training.fws.gov>.



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What and Why:

The Inspiring a New Generation (ING) North American Summit is being convened in response to a global call to action issued at the 2014 IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia. Participants in this invitational Summit will develop a North American Framework for Action to inspire a new generation to experience nature and conserve public lands for future generations. The agenda will highlight replicable strategies, identify gaps and promote collaboration among diverse stakeholder groups—including many not yet represented in the movement to reconnect people with nature. Over 200 professionals, many under the age of 35, will come together to meet the challenge and ultimately create a cohesive strategy for change that will be distributed across the continent, presented at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2016, and shared widely throughout the world. www.ingsummit.org

Summit Objectives

- Convene key North American stakeholders to commit to the movement to Inspire a New Generation and create networks of key organizations to leverage change.
- Develop a North American Framework for Action that defines the opportunities for various stakeholders to contribute to this movement and communicate the agenda to a wide audience.
- Share innovative best practices to connect people with nature, including engaging new partners and sectors of society that have been underrepresented in nature conservation fields.
- Engage young professionals and community leaders to share knowledge, experiences, and perspectives; build capacity; take leadership; and inspire others to connect with nature through international and intergenerational partnerships.
- Establish a multimedia portal for Summit commitments and proceedings that will serve as a model for engaging regions throughout the world.



Participants can take advantage of early morning bird watching on the conference center grounds.

Why It's Important to Participate

There is a worldwide movement underway. What is missing is a coherent, comprehensive strategy for reconnecting people with nature. Summit participants will be called upon to demonstrate a new level of creativity, cohesion and collaboration. Everyone will be asked to commit to helping fulfill the ING North American Framework for Action. The results will serve as a critical part of the worldwide movement to inspire a new generation to connect to nature.

